

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is not new, not journalism -- it is clear political partisan propaganda. It is an insult to the notions of freedom of the press, and a free democracy that a giant media corporation can exercise this kind of political power, while individuals like me have almost no voice, and seemingly no power in the political news spin process.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

sincerely,  
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